

**MINUTES**

**UTAH  
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION COUNSELORS LICENSING BOARD  
MEETING**

**December 7, 2011**

**Room 475 – 4th Floor – 2:00 P.M. – 2:40 P.M.  
Heber Wells Building  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

**CONVENED: 2:06 P.M.**

**ADJOURNED: 2:40 P.M.**

**Bureau Manager:  
Board Secretary:**

Richard J. Oborn  
Lee Avery

**Board Members Present:**

Russell Thelin, Chairperson, via telephone  
Julie Smart  
Joel Jolley  
Kimberly Nortz  
Douglas Roberts

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

**DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:  
MINUTES:**

The Board reviewed the minutes from the April 6, 2010 Board meeting. Mr. Roberts motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Jolley. The motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Question of how to address hours of supervised experience gathered out of state under unlicensed CRC counselors.

Mr. Oborn advised the Board that the Division was contacted by an individual who is a practicing vocational rehabilitation counselor in a state that does not license vocational rehabilitation counselors. Under current Utah law, this person does not meet the requirements for a Utah LVRC license. The reason he does not meet Utah license LVRC requirements is because he has not been licensed in another state as an LVRC. Mr. Oborn noted that when this statute was created, it was not anticipated that the wording "licensed in another state" would create an inequity for individuals moving to Utah and wanting to continue their practice in vocational rehabilitation. Utah law requires that supervision be obtained under a licensed LVRC. Some believe this is an unreasonable requirement to impose on individuals coming from jurisdictions that do not currently have an LVRC

license.

The Board reviewed Utah Code 58-78-302.  
Qualifications for licensure.

*(2) The division may issue a license under this chapter to an individual who is licensed in another state or jurisdiction to practice vocational rehabilitation counseling if the division finds that the other state or jurisdiction has substantially the same or higher licensure requirements as this state.*

The Board stated that if the applicant has their CRC certification, they can work under a LVRC to gather the 4,000 hours of supervised practice needed to obtain the LVRC license in Utah.

If there is interest in amending the license by endorsement requirement, Mr. Oborn noted that the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation (USOR) or the Utah Vocational Rehabilitation Association would need to contact a legislator to solicit their support for a proposal. The Board members expressed support for the current requirements for license by endorsement.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for:  
May 23, 2012

2012 Board meetings have been tentatively scheduled:  
May 23, September 26.

**ADJOURN:**

Motion to adjourn at 2:40 P.M.

*Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.*

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Chairperson, Utah Vocational Rehabilitation  
Counselor Licensing Board

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Date Approved

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Richard Oborn, Bureau Manager, Division of  
Occupational & Professional Licensing